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 TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR RESPONDING TO AN
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final office action dated December 15, 2005 in which the Examiner found that claims 7-9, 17-19, and 27-29 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and rejected claims 1-6, 10-16, 20-26, and 30 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. On February 8, 2006, a phone interview was held between the Examiner and the attorney for Applicants to discuss the prior art rejections. The Examiner requested that the Applicants submit the arguments for consideration and further requested that Applicants distinguish sections from a reference not formally provided in a rejection. Applicants submit herein the arguments presented during the phone interview to distinguish the cited references and submit that all pending claims 1-30 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance in their current form for the reasons discussed herein.

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